



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

*A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.*

## October 28, 2018 Reformation Sunday



The Tree of Life

In the Bible, trees are given to man for food and medicine as well as beauty and shade. Trees are an emblem of God's glory in the world and so are fitting symbols of God's people. We can flourish "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:3). The growth of the kingdom is likened to a rising, spreading tree (Ezek. 17; Matt. 13:31-32). Adam's fall severed us from access to the Tree of Life, but united to Christ we again have access to its life-giving fruit (Rev. 22:2). The Tree of Life is a symbol of Jesus. The time between Pentecost and Advent is called Trinity Season. The color green is used to symbolize life, growth, and the maturation of Jesus' kingdom.

## LORD's Day Service – October 28, 2018 Reformation Sunday

Preparation for Worship: *Jude 3*

*Prayer:* Almighty God, You have knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that You have prepared for those who truly love You; through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen!**

Welcome & Announcements

Chant of the Month

Psalter, #19D

### **Entrance – God Call Us; we gather together and praise Him**

\* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 100

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,

**Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.**

\* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #1

*All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

### **Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him and are forgiven in Christ**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. *(Those unable to kneel may be seated.)*

**My dear God, teach me not to begin faith by my own efforts, nor to attempt to destroy my sin with my own repentance. I might do this before the world and its judges, but with You, O God, there is an eternal wrath which I cannot satisfy, and before it I would despair. Therefore I thank You that Another has seized and carried my sins and has made atonement for them. With joy I wish to believe this. It seems so very right and comforting to me. But I cannot believe it by myself; Lord, help me. Give me the power and gift to believe. I cannot create the sun and moon, or make them shine brightly in the heavens, any more than I can**

**make my heart clean or give myself a right spirit, a strong and firm frame of mind that is unbending and unwavering and that will not doubt or mistrust Your Word. Though the world should topple and all conspire against me, by Your divine help, let me remain in the Gospel. Amen!** *Luther's Prayers, ed by Herbert Brokering*

*(Silent, personal confession of sin)*

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news...!

**Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!**

**Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him and offer our works and lives to Him**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so!**

Truly it is proper, right, and our greatest joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing....

*\*The Sanctus* (inside hymnal & psalter cover)

*\*Hymn of Preparation* Trinity Hymnal, #4  
*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

*Old Testament Lesson* Jeremiah 6:10-20  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*New Testament Lesson* Jude 1-4, 20-25  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*\* Gospel Lesson* Matthew 11:20-30  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Sermon* "Christ's Church, Culture and Liberalism"  
(as J. Gresham Machen saw it)

*\* Hymn of Consecration* Trinity Hymnal, #170  
*Thou Dost Reign on High* (4 verses)

*\* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

*Prayers of the Church*

Requests & Lord's Prayer

**Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table**

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

*We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God* Creed (inside hymnal cover)

*\* Hymn of Thanksgiving* Trinity Hymnal, #81  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him**

*\* The Lord's Commission of Us* Jude 3b

*\* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Jude 24-45

*\* We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him* *Gloria Patri*

*\* Threefold Amen*

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**LORD'S SUPPER**

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

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*Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)*

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